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SUBJ: ADVISOR FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

REF: (A) STATE 099880, (B) BEIRUT 1778

1. I PAID A COURTESY CALL ON MOHAMMED ATTALAH, CHAIRMAN OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, ON MAY 4. WHEN I RAISED REF VISIT OF DELWIN ROY, ATTALAH REPLIED DATES OF MAY 13, 14, AND 15 WERE SATISFACTORY.

2. ATTALAH REPEATED, HOWEVER, THAT ROY DID NOT SEEM TO MEET BOARD'S PRESENT REQUIREMENTS. WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS SOMEONE TO "ORGANIZE THE ORGANIZATION"--SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN SETTING UP SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND WHO COULD ADVISE IT HOW TO ORGANIZE. AT LATER STAGE, BOARD WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN MANY FIELDS, INCLUDING PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, POLICY FORMULATION, AND CONTROL PROCEDURES.

3. ATTALAH NEVERTHELESS BELIEVED MEETING WITH ROY COULD BE USEFUL. FIRST, ROY MIGHT HAVE SOME GOOD IDEAS. SECOND, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO RECOMMEND SUITABLE CANDIDATE SPECIALIZING IN ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. EMBASSY THEREFORE WELCOMES
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ROY'S ARRIVAL MAY 12 OR 13. PLEASE ADVISE FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIME AND WHETHER ROY WOULD PREFER ACCOMODATIONS IN EMBASSY OR LOCAL HOTEL.
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